

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-F-19-11

Issued at: Haines, Wednesday, June  
29, 2011

Effective 12:01 A.M.  
Date: Friday, July 1, 2011

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Friday,  
August 26, 2011. Unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order closes the saltwater area off the mouth of Pullen Creek to king salmon fishing to allow king salmon to enter the stream for brood stock needs.

REGULATION: The provisions of **5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska.** (c)(1) are added by this emergency order.

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(c) In the Haines/Skagway vicinity:

- (1) in all waters of Taiya Inlet east of a line extending from a department marker on the Railroad Dock to a department marker on the Ore Terminal dock, and including the area off the mouth of Pullen Creek, are closed to king salmon fishing;

Cora Campbell  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Richard Chapell  
Haines/Skagway Area  
Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION: King salmon returning to Pullen Creek hold in salt water until a sufficient high tide permits them to migrate through a culvert at the Pullen Creek Outlet, making them vulnerable to sport anglers. In 2010, less than half the Pullen Creek broodstock collection goal was met, and the 2011 run is expected to be below average. This closure is needed to allow sufficient numbers of king salmon to enter this stream for brood stock needs.

The Department closes a sport fishery for a certain species instead of prohibiting the retention of that species when terminal gear used and/or fishing techniques for that species are not similar to that used for other species present that have no conservation issues to ensure the restriction is enforceable. Since the gear and techniques used for king salmon are not similar to that used for other species present in Taiya Inlet for which there are no conservation issues, a closure to fishing for king salmon is enforceable. Therefore the department is closing the sport fishery in this area for king salmon.

**DISTRIBUTION:** The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99824, (907) 465-4270 and at the Haines/Skagway Area Office, P.O. Box 330, Haines, AK 99827, (907) 766-2625.